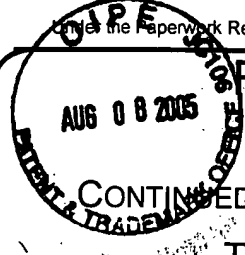


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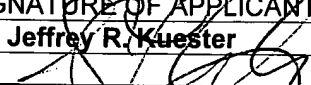
 <p><b>REQUEST</b> FOR <b>CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)</b> <b>TRANSMITTAL</b></p> <p>Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	Application Number	09/692,995
	Filing Date	October 20, 2000
	First Named Inventor	Jerding
	Group Art Unit	2614
	Examiner Name	Beliveau, Scott E.
Attorney Docket Number	A-6687 (191910-1570)	


**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCE's (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
- a. ☐ Previously Submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s) reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on
- ii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other:
2. **Miscellaneous**
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required).
- b. ☐ Other:
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.
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<b>FEE CALCULATION</b>							
<b>1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES</b>							
Filing Fees			Search Fees		Examination Fees		
<u>Application Type</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee(\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee(\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee(\$)</u>	<u>Fees Paid (\$)</u>
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	0
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	0
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	0
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	0
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	0
<b>2. EXCESSIVE CLAIM FEES</b>							
<u>Fee Description</u>					<u>Fee (\$)</u>		<u>Small Entity Fee(\$)</u>
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)					50		25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)					200		100
Multiple dependent claims					360		180
<u>Total Claims</u> <b>34</b>		<u>Extra Claims</u> <b>0</b>		<u>Fee (\$)</u> <b>50</b>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u> <b>0</b>	<u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u> <u>Fee (\$)</u> <b>360</b>	
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if great than 20		<u>Extra Claims</u> <b>0</b>		<u>Fee (\$)</u> <b>200</b>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u> <b>0</b>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u> <b>0</b>	
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<b>3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE</b>							
If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 USC 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s)							
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<b>4. OTHER FEE(S)</b>							
Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)						<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u> <b>\$790.00</b>	
Other: <b>RCE</b>							

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Signature			Telephone Number
Name: (Print/Type)			<b>Jeffrey R. Kuester</b>